(c) Does not arise.

(d) CWC and FCI are already having adequate storage capacity in Uttaranchal. The requisite additional capacity is hired from SWCs and Govt. agencies on the basis of storage needs.

Wheat Stock and Import

3698. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat production has shown little growth during the last six years;

(b) if so, the details of wheat produced and procured for public stock during that period, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether wheat procured as on today is sufficient for Public Distribution System and other welfare programmes for next 12 months;

(d) if not, the details of step taken to increase wheat production and to procure it more for public stocks as on today; and

(e) the details of wheat proposed to be imported and the step taken to maintain quality of wheat imported for targeted Public Distribution System as on today?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) wheat production in the crop years 2000-01 to 2005-06 has varied between 65.76 million tonnes in 2002-03 to 72.15 million tonnes in 2003-04

(b) Details of wheat produced and procured for the Central Pool in the crop years 2000-01 to 2005-06 (which is marketed in 2001-02 to 2006-07) is enclosed at Statement (*see* below)

(c) to (e) Wheat procurement in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2006-07 is expected to be 95 lakh tonnes. With the import of further 35 lakh tonnes for the Central Pool, along with measures for demand management it may be possible to distribute wheat for the Public Distribution System and other welfare programmes for the next 12 months.

To increase wheat production in the country, the Central Govt. is implementing an integrated cereals development programme in wheat based cropping system areas (ICDP-Wheat).

In order to maintain quality of wheat to be imported, the quality specifications for import of wheat were finalized by a team of officers from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation), Food Corporation of India (FCI) and this Department. While finalizing the quality specifications, the Uniform Specifications adopted for procurement of wheat within the country for targeted public distribution system (TPDS), PFA Act/Rules and phytosanitory requirement of the country were taken into consideration.

Statement

Details of wheat produced and procured for the Central Pool

1. Production of wheat

(in million tonnes)

Crop Year	2001-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06*
Production	69.68	72.77	65.76	72.15	68.64	71.54

* 3rd advance estimate

2. Procurement of wheat

(in lakh tonnes)

RMS	2001-02			2002-03			2004-04		
	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total
Procurement	43.87	162.43	206.30	43.82	146.72	190.54	35.48	122.53	158.01

(in lakh tonnes)

RMS	2004-05			2005-06			2006-07*		
	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total
Procurement	32.66	135.29	167.95	22.28	125.57	147.85	13.33	78.52	91.85

* as on 12.5.2006

Wheat import by private sector

†3699. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.